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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

RE: PCT/EP99/07475  
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Priority Date Claimed: October 15, 1998  
Applicant: Becker et al.  
Title: SPINNING OIL FOR PRODUCING COMBED SLIVER  
Applicants' Reference: H 3624 PCT/US

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Prior to the calculation of fees and examination of the above-identified national stage application pursuant to the accompanying submission under 35 U.S.C. §371, please amend the English translation of the International Application submitted herewith, without prejudice, as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the instant Specification, without prejudice, as follows:

Please delete all text above line 3, of page 1, and replace the deleted matter with the following new section headings and title of the invention:

**--TITLE OF THE INVENTION**

Lubricants for Spinning Combed Wool Slivers, and Methods of Using the Same

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--**

At page 3, between lines 19 and 20 thereof, please insert the following new section heading:

**--BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--**